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# KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM



## NEWSLETTER



The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency  
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Komoka Railway Museum  
133 Queen Street  
Komoka, Ontario  
519-657-1912  
[www.komokarailmuseum.ca](http://www.komokarailmuseum.ca)



**The next regularly monthly meeting is scheduled for  
Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 7:30 pm**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

### NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### ***UPDATES ON STUDENT APPLICATIONS.***

Two Students hired. Nicholas starts on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and Hailey starts on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Welcome aboard.

#### ***VOLUNTEER SPRING/SUMMER PROJECTS***

- Began work on the interior of the baggage car
- Revamp waiting room in the station
- Clean out and freshen up the caboose to include in tour.

#### ***VERY EXCITING NEWS***

On Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2016, on behalf of the Komoka Railway Museum, I was most delighted to receive the certificate for induction into the North American Railway Hall of Fame, located in the former Canada Southern Railway station in St. Thomas. This is a most exciting acknowledgement of all the work and vision that all the volunteers, past and present have put into the museum. (Picture to follow later)

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## **STEAMING SCHEDULE FOR 2016**

### **Komoka Railway Museum**

**Fri. July 1, Sat. Jul 9, Sat. Jul 16. Sat. Jul 23, Sat, Jul 30**

**Sat. Sept 3, Sat Sept 10**

Approximate times are from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The schedule is subject to weather conditions and locomotive availability.

The month of August is available for

Family re-unions, birthday parties, car clubs, service club outings etc.

To make a reservation or to confirm steaming operations

Please call Ed at 226-973-4462

### **FACEBOOK GROUP**

**Like us at KOMOKA RAILWAY MUEUM**

Effective June 27, 2016, please note that the Museum will no longer be using the PO Box #22 in the mailing address. Canada Post will be using the 911 address for directing mail. As the changes at Canada Post created some delivery concerns, note our 911 address is now 131 Queen Street. Please amend your mailing addresses as below.

#### **OLD MAILING ADDRESS:**

Komoka Railway Museum  
133 Queen Street  
PO Box 22  
KOMOKA ON N0L 1R0

#### **NEW MAILING ADDRESS:**

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Calendar of events for Komoka Railway Museum 2016 (Revised June 23/16) Volunteers are always welcome to come and help at any of these events. Please contact Dan Oatman or Ed Spencer		
Date	Event	Times
Fri Jul 1/16	Canada Day	9am-4 pm

WEBSITES OF INTEREST	WEBSITE ADDRESS
Niagara Railway Museum	<a href="http://www.nfrm.ca/">http://www.nfrm.ca/</a>
Toronto Railway Museum	<a href="http://www.trha.ca/news.html">http://www.trha.ca/news.html</a>
St. Jacobs & Aberfoyle Model Railway	<a href="http://www.stjacobsmodelrailway.com/">http://www.stjacobsmodelrailway.com/</a>
Heimbürger House Publishing (Railroad Books)	<a href="http://www.heimburgerhouse.com">www.heimburgerhouse.com</a>
Charlie Smiley Videos	<a href="http://www.cspmovies.com">www.cspmovies.com</a>



**COMMEMORATION OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING**

**On July 1, 2016, the Canada Day celebrations will be in Komoka.**

**This July will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the official opening on July 1, 1986.**

**Plan to come and celebrate with us.**

**COME AND SEE OUR CERTIFICATE OF INDUCTION TO THE NORTH AMERICAN RAILWAY HALL OF FAME**

#### **FROM TRACKSIDE**

Preparations are being made to ease the long drag out of "Murray's Landing" and raise the dip at the other end of the station as any over limit load caused braking problems, although no mishaps occurred there were reports of "signal passed at danger" ( SPAD's ) . With the extra summer help it is expected to complete the work by the third week of July

Resident number 4 ran well for Komoka Fest and number 3 filled in while a quick visit to the stable for number 4 for ash dumping and flue sweeping at mid=day was needed.

A "hit'n miss" cylinder lubricator drive caused some anxious moments but the secret formula steam oil saved the day and the roller clutch has been replaced ready for July 1st (Canada Day).

A small quantity of soft coal (Pocahontas?) was discovered in a dark corner and is proving useful when raising steam from cold and when an extra effort is needed, although it doesn't clinker and cause damage to the fire bars as Anthracite tends to do it is not popular with the crew as it calls for more firing and burns with a lot of smoke

A new boiler for number 4 has been started and will be installed over the winter subject to hydraulic and stem tests, it is expected the new one will be more user friendly as the present one is resentful of clumsy handling.

The vegetation control crew have had a break recently as the heat has deterred the grass and dandelions from becoming a nuisance.

The lack of rain is giving cause for concern, there is enough water on hand for July 1st. City water would be a desperation move

Ed Spencer

#### **FUTURE EVENTS**

For more details check out website with all the shows listed on it, check out the link below  
<http://www.collectorshows.ca/>

#### **TOY & COLLECTIBLES SHOWS**

July 10, 2016 Woodstock Toy and Collectibles Expo  
August 21, 2016 Ancaster Collectibles Extravaganza

#### **MODEL TRAIN SHOWS**

None scheduled for July or August 2016

#### **NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS**

None scheduled for July or August 2016

***SPECIAL EVENT: ONTARIO MODEL ENGINEERING MEET***

WHEN: Sunday, September 18, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

***THE FOLLOWING CLUBS:*** Toronto Society of Model Engineers, Hamilton Model Engineering Society, Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers will be hosting the "Ontario Model Engineering Annual Meet" and we are inviting any and all model engineers to join us.

***THERE WILL BE:***

- Plenty of display tables available to show off models.
- "Air" available to drive model steam engines. • 3 ½", 4 ¾" and 7 ¼" tracks available to run miniature trains
- Free admission to the museum
- Distilled water, coal and propane tanks available
- Refreshments – water, pop and coffee
- Great discussions and camaraderie among like minded enthusiasts

***WE WILL BE SERVING LUNCH*** in the form of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and cookies at about 1:00 p.m. (at no cost to attendees!)

Note the following: • Although the museum is open to the public, this is not a public run day so the focus is on all of us having a great time with each other.

It will be held at the Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology at 900 Woodward Ave, Hamilton, ON

***SO DO COME OUT FOR PART OR ALL OF THE DAY EVEN IF YOU HAVE NO MODELS TO RUN OR DISPLAY.***

***Submissions due by July 23, 2016 for August 2016 newsletter***

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